



WASHINGTON STATE  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

## Field Operation Rule Interpretation

Question: Can card room operators sell merchandise out of the cashier's cage?

CITE: WAC 230-40-050(3) Fee for non-house banked card games

WAC 230-40-070(2) Licensees to furnish all cards, chips and other services

WAC 230-40-830 Cashier's cage – Requirements – House banked

### SUMMARY

#### Issue:

Card room operators have requested authorization to sell merchandise items out of the cashier's cage such as cigarettes, candy, snacks and other small attractive items. This allows for better control and accountability of the items and makes sales to the customer more convenient.

#### Reasoning:

The first rule cited above requires all chips and cash in the cashier's cage be kept separate and apart from all other chips and cash located on the premises. The second rule requires the money taken in on chips sold and fees collected be kept separate and apart from all other money received by the licensee. The last rule requires the cashier's function to secure and account for all chips and monies in the card room portion of the premises. The overriding theme of all three rules is the proper accountability of chips and cash separating them from other funds.

#### Decision:

Licensees may sell merchandise items out of the cashier's cage as long as they have a separate bank and receipting system for the sale and accountability of these items.

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